CRAPSTAN VILLAS

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Rufus spends the weekends at a Premier Inn and leaves the keys with the Trafalgar game.

As the cock crows for another day of fun and excitement STRINGFELLOW SHAW bounds downstairs and greets his father, straightening his tie in the hall mirror.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Are you confident for your next group of students from the language school.

CHRIS SHAW Yes it's OK, are you sure you don't want to help? Take them to the British Museum.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW No can do, Dad. I'm meeting the gang and then we're going to spend the weekends at our mates flat.

CHRIS You'd better go tell your mother.

He walks to the back of the house where SALLY is making CHEESE ,CUCUMBER , and MAYONNAISE sandwiches on a Formica tabletop.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Don't have supper ready tonight I'm staying at a friend's house.

SALLY OK son, how do you expect to pass your chemistry A level when you won't do your French homework?

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Well, I can wing it with the multiple choice questions, Mum.

He then walks down the wood chip Magnolia walls and china ducks affixed to them, passed his father then down the garden path, past tulips and chrysanthemums and along the street, through a maze of semi detached houses, eating a CHEESE, CUCUMBER ,and MAYONNAISE sandwich .

Gilbert ratchet has woken up early to have a look at his son's bicycle, and Stanley steps out of the side door shielding

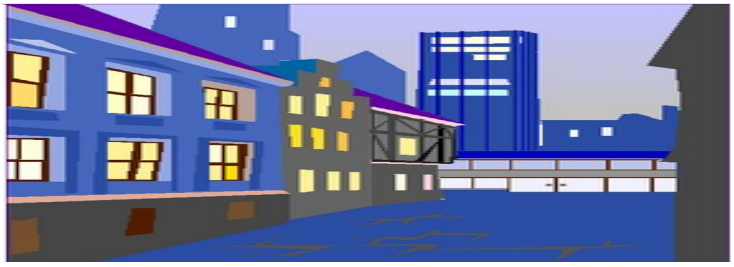
his eyes from the moon beams caught in the sunlight through the gap in the fence.
GILBERT , You need to oil the bearings in the pedals as it's heavy going up gravel hill to school.
STANLEY Well I would stay and get it done myself , though I’m packing for the weekend and staying with me mates at a flat.
GILBERT Yes well for whence I agree with your mother, and want you out of trouble. What are these people like?
STANLEY What Ruffus he’s well sound, got a job with the council and makes a packet on recycling. And he’s away at PREMIER INN having a remembrance day.
GILBERT Very enlightening, you get off then and don’t do anything I wouldn’t do, I’LL try and make this bicycle smoother and faster.
THE ALPHA MALE TURNS AROUND
STANLEY You're a barbarian, you know that dad , and I have to keep quiet over what I found out about at the cricket match .
GILBERT You'll understand when your older Stanley.
STANLEYwalks back into the house to say goodbye to mum.
Gloria is in the living room at the writing bureau looking over her woman’s guild files, preparing for a meeting later on.
STANLEY Bye mum ,I’m off to a mates flat for the weekend .
GLORIA I was hoping for your help and support with the protest rally against cuts in NHS spending and closing services at the DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
Stanley Gotta meet the gang and I'll be away for the weekend.
GLORIA Our counselor, Constance Fridge, expects some support from the Trafalgar Gang.
STANLEY We're anyones for a packet of Walkers crisps.

Elsehere at NEWTOWN flyover, RUFFUS and ALEXIS enter the lobby of a PREMIER INN and greeted by a janitor polishing a maroon marble floor, and they walk over to a mauve reception desk with a portrait of EARL GRAY in genuine oils hung on the burge papered walls .They get reservations from GERALDINE the receptionist and are given their key.
RUFFUS CALLWEL This looks nice but we could have gone to the TRAVELODGE next

door.
ALEXIS Sufferin Succotash, this is the only way we can have time away from your followers.
RUFFUS Oh the Trafalgar gang, I want them to have the run of the flat , let's check in and then I'll phone stringfellow.
GERALDINE I'll get our porter, rAYMOND to help you up
SHE RINGS for the porter who arrives with a white page boy outfit.

RAYMOND HELLO THERE, how can I be of service.
RUFFUS Just the luggage RAYMOND, WE are a bit overloaded.
RAYMOND Well this way it's just along here.
He leads them to double doors to the side .They start down the corridor adorned with classic décor and soft lighting in a 1940's style with warm mauve walls.
RAYMOND The bar is at the end off this hallway, and the dinning room is just to your right.
RUFFUS don't worry I'm not carrying her over the threshold lead on.
ALEXIS Those windows are high.
RAYMOND here you are then, this is the bathroom and here is the wardrobe. He walks over and opens one of two matching wardrobes and the couple stand behind him.
ALEXIS plenty of space for my stuff,
RUFFUS you better go Raymond or they will wonder what they have done with there page boy.
ALEXIS LET THE BOY GO,
RUFFUS I will love when I get to the bottom of this page.
She gives him a playfull punch on the arm .
ALEXIS he's terrible, mind like a sewer rat, thank you Raymond.
RUFFUS well you get unpacked and I'll check in with the gang, make sure they are not up to any mischief on my house.
HE SITS ON THE DOUBLE BED WHICH DOMINATES THE ROOM and calls Stringfellow. James has just taken muttley off his lead when stringfellow gets a call from his refuse loader friend ruffus calwell.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Settled in at the hotel have we Ruffus.
RUFFUS Play your cards right and you could stay at mine all week, though I'm a little bit worried that your unchaperoned.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW Unchaperoned with two nice girls you mean, I feal the

same as you. My headmaster will have me kicked out of school if I get his daughter in the pudding club.
RUFFUS Yes and that Michael and Tim are randy buggers, I don't know how you've managed so far. But to be honest mate I have a similar problem standing right hear in front of me.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW yes it's all right for you , it will be like the open air play SUFFERING SUCCOTASH all over again. Though the TRAFALGAR GANG have a clean living image to millions of viewers and listeners around the foundation.
RUFFUS Yes I enjoyed that cricket match by the way, me and ROGER where listening in the van while clearing the playground and recreation field. Listen, we are going to unpack and go down to the bar and I'll call you when you get to mine.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW That's great we are popping along and collecting STANLEY RATCHET along the way and then meeting Jeramy to St LUKES vicarage . Then it's straight to that notorious council estate known as CRAPSTON VILLAS.
RUFFUS In the mean time I'm thinking of a way to stop unnecessary tactile contact between teenagers.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW you're a tower of strength RUFFUS enjoy the honeymoon.



AT the edge of town the gang steps off the bus ,Street and then down a narrow ramp leading to a courtyard between the four towers known as CRAPSTAN VILLAS..
LORA DENHAM You'd better have the number to get in.
STRINGFELLOW No, I will just press trade on the entry coder and then I've got the key.
The gang race down a concrete ramp to the main door of the first of the four towers and let themselves in.The hallway has a new coat of blue and pink paint with red window sills and artex ceiling ,with faulty strip lights.
Rubbish is strewn library featuring JUPITER HOTDOG BOXES and BANANA SKINS, as they reach the elevator and wait .
JAMES GRANGER I'll speak to the residence committee while delivering KEEN AS MUSTARD, to associate members .
JERAMY FITZOLIVER Tell MR WAINWRIGHT someone wants to sweep up around here.
On the thirtieth floor they get to a flat , and let themselves in straight into the living room, collapsing on a beige corduroy three piece suite next to the record collection and the stereo.
LORA DENHAM I wouldn't feel safe coming here alone it could be a potential death trap.

GRAHAM you great wet lettuce it’s cameras all over the block.

BACK IN THE HOTEL RUFFUS AND ALEXIS ARE FINISHING THEIR DRINKS.
ALEXIS they better not go through all my drawers.
RUFFUS there’s nothing left you packed all your stuff.
The LED monitors are showing football on the bar full of guests enjoying a break from modern living. They sit at a booth with brass railings and golden seat covers with red paneled walls.
ALEXIS So what’s this great scheme to stop them using our bed.
RUFFUS Keep them working, or I’ll send our roger to check on them.
ALEXIS that page boy is winking at us,
RUFFUS not surprise after my Oscar Wild joke.
ALEXIS And the receptionist caught him ill fragranto de lecto .
RUFFUS that’s greek for touching up the page boy, Mr wild you promised you would stop doing this. YES I WILL BUT LET ME GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE

AT CRAPSTON VILLAS ,
JAMES GRANGER HERE'S ONE FOR YOU ALL THE NOLAN SISTERS
I’M IN THE MOOD FOR DANCING
STRINGFELLOW SHAW has stationed himself at the desktop and is printing off the foundation magazine KEEN AS MUSTARD for the associate members of the tower block .
[when assembled and stapled together we shall deliver them with TO there adoring fans within the block “]
jeromy fitzoliver is crouching in the corner of the room with RUFFUS pet snake
[year i want a go with that]
STRINGFELLOW SHAW well if you finish getting these copies of KEEN AS MUSTARD so we can post them in the morning before keith arrives.
JAMES GRANGER just budge up i want that desktop.
STRINGFELLOW SHAW well i would JAMES ,THOUGH I’VE JUST FOUND a strange blog by old roger clapper here .

Near CRAPSTAN VILLAS, in the suburbs of NEWTOWN, KEITH FAUSET steps off the

bus and walks along the ramp to the front entrance and buzz’s.When he gets to the ninth floor he can hear a NOLAN SISTERS ALBUM, PLAYING at flat 101, and he bangs loudly on the door.
MICHAEL SULLIVAN Come on in and join the party.
He comes to find JAMES GRANGER, alone at the desktop called GERALDINE.
JAMES GRANGER Our karate instructor has arrived,. did you walk my dog like I asked you to.
KEITH FAUSET Where are the lads.
JAMES GRANGER Out delivering KEEN AS MUSTARD.
GRAHAM We’ve clubbed together keith and you’re the new boy so we sending you to get the pizza’s
TIM CURRY And when you get back ,give one to SID in the top flat .
The gang get back after delivering KEEN AS MUSTARD mag and RUFFUS phones .
RUFFUS CALLWELL Me and ALEXIS have just go engaged .
ALEXIS I don't want you going through the draws, so I'ver got some research for you .
JAMES GRANGER THEE right tasty these Nolan sisters,

As KEITH walks past DONAVAN'S PIZZA PARLOUR next to RELIABLE UNDERTAKERS , Daft Jamie is shutting FRASERS GREENGROCERS next to SLAUGHTERED LAMB WETHERSPOONS .
Outside the high street LUCY ROBINSON comes out of DONOVAN'S PIZZA PARLOUR, and knocks into a moped just in front of KEITH.
KEITH FORSET I’ll take them off you for cost price .
He helps he scrape pizza of the pavement and into boxes .
DAFT JAMIE Good work if you can get it .
KEITH FAUSIT I’m not from round here and I forget , where is CRAPSTON VILLAS.
LUCY ROBINSON I'll show you .
They walk along the high street back to CRAPSTAN VILLAS where the NOLAN SISTERS can be heard from down the hallway, And the younger associate members of the foundation are drinking beer in the hallway.
KEITH Lads what’s the verdict?
GRAHAM Nice one keith, you brought us the pizzas .
MICHAEL SULLIVAN I’m for the HAWEIAN .
KEITH ` I mean what do you think of her .
STRINGFELLOW SHAW LOOKS GOOD TO ME BUCKEROO.
STANLEY RATCHET I haven’t finished my application for UNCLE WINKEY’S CAKE AND CONFECTION FACTORY .
STRINGFELLOW That's the number one glutton of the TRAFLAGAR GANG sorted .